

When I Was Little

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When I was little, I was a baby.
When I was little, I cried a lot.
Now I use words.
When I was little, I didn't know I was a girl.
My mom told me.
When I was little, I had silly hair.
Now I can wear it in a ponytail or braids or pigtails or a pom-pom.
When I was little, I didn't get to eat Captain Crunch or paint my toenails
bubble-gum pink.
When I was little, I spilled a lot.
My mom said I was a handful. Now I'm helpful.
When I was little, I rode in a baby car seat.
Now I ride like a grown-up and wave at policemen.
When I was little, I went to Mommy and Me.
Now I go to nursery school and I have teachers and cubbies and naptime and
secrets.
When I was little, I didn't understand time-outs.
Now I do, but I don't like them.
When I was little, I made up words like "scoopeeloo."
Now I make up songs.
When I was little, I swam in the pool with boys.
I still do, but now we wear bathing suits but we don't wear floaties.
When I was little, the slide at the park was so big.
Now it's smaller, but I still like my granny to wait at the bottom for me.
When I was little, I ate goo and yucky stuff.
Now I eat pizza and noodles and fruit and Chee-tos.
When I was little, I had two teeth.
Now I have lots, and I know how to brush them.
When I was little, I slept in a zoo.
Now I sleep in a big bed and get to play monkey.
When I was little, I kissed my mom and dad good night every night.
I still do, but only after they each read me a book and we play tickle torture.
When I was little, I didn't know what a family was.
When I was little, I didn't know what dreams were.
When I was little, I didn't know who I was.
Now I do!